

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 93 without my signature.

This bill would authorize health care providers who treat Medi-Cal patients injured by a third party to claim reasonable charges from the liable third party rather than the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate.

I have vetoed nearly identical legislation twice before out of concerns that the proposed language would encourage litigation and fail to keep in check medical charges. The proponents of this year's bill have done nothing to address these concerns. As such, I am again returning this measure without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger